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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (109-471) (P)
RE: ROLANDO L. CUBELA Y SECADES
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Re Miami letter to Bureau, 6/7/62.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination containing info obtained from ~~_____~~ who is MM T-1, and from ~~_____~~ SOURCE
~~_____~~, who is MM T-2, in letterhead memo.

The info was furnished on 6/11/62, to SA THOMAS H. ERRION at Miami, Fla. ~~_____~~ is a long-time acquaintance of ~~_____~~ and both are friends of CUBELA.

~~_____~~ SOURCE advised that the mother of deceased JOSE ANTONIO ECHEVARRIA (former head of the Revolutionary Directory (DR), anti-BATISTA rebel organization) came from

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Cuba 6/9/62, and brought a message from CUBELA (who was a very close friend of JOSE ANTONIO ECHEVARRIA and associated with him in the original Directorio Revolucionario - DR). The message was for ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~. CUBELA sent info that he was leaving on 6/10/62, to go to Prague, Czechoslovakia, and from there to Helsinki, Finland, where he is to attend a Socialist (Youth) Congress which he expects will last until the end of 7/62. After the congress terminates, CUBELA plans to go to Paris, France, where he wants ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ to meet him. CUBELA said that if it is possible to arrange matters so that he can do so, he will not return to Cuba, and will defect from Cuban Government. SOURCE

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SOURCE stated that prior to the receipt of this info, he had made plans to go to Europe, leaving 6/22/62. His family has an interest in a jewelry factory in Italy, and some interest in a jewelry business in Paris. IDENTIFIES SOURCE

SOURCE stated that if he can be of any service to the U. S. Government or help CUBELA, he will arrange to be in Paris whenever it is necessary. He said that while there or elsewhere in Europe he can be contacted through ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ IDENTIFIES SOURCE

(S) SOURCE further advised that he had been in close contact with ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ when he described as formerly being assigned to the U. S. Embassy in Havana. Subsequent to transfer to U. S. Embassy ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ was in contact with ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ at the Embassy in Havana. (S)

For the Bureau's info, former Legats, Havana, now in Miami, advised that ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Also from the physical description, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ appears identical with ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ (S)

(S) SOURCE recalled that he was in Mexico when CUBELA talked with ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ there shortly prior to the arrival of Soviet official MIKOYAN. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ also remarked that he had SOURCE

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made a trip to "Closter", Switzerland, for [REDACTED] (S) 1B per [REDACTED] SOURCE
to obtain info about some student conference, but [REDACTED] was delayed in leaving and due to a mixup the person he was supposed to contact upon arrival there did not show up, so the trip was not a success.

SOURCE

[REDACTED] stated that, as mentioned above, he will cooperate in any way he can, but he does not want [REDACTED] to think he is doing something behind [REDACTED] back in the event [REDACTED] should learn of any proposed plan. He was told that the info that he furnished would be made available to the proper Federal Government agencies and his request concerning [REDACTED] would also be furnished at the same time and that he would be advised should additional info be needed. 1B per (S) [REDACTED] OFFICER

He stated that any additional info coming to his attention would be immediately furnished.

SOURCE

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[REDACTED] stated that he and [REDACTED] had known each other a long time and that since [REDACTED] lived in Miami and [REDACTED] was returning to New York City he would furnish any info to [REDACTED] who would, in turn, notify the FBI. SOURCE

SOURCE [REDACTED] advised that when previously discussing CUBELA, he told [REDACTED] that he had been questioned by the FBI in connection with his own previous activities on several occasions in the past and would be able to make contact with the FBI in such a manner that the info could be passed to the proper U. S. Government agency with the precaution taken to protect [REDACTED] and not risk jeopardizing CUBELA's chances for escaping Cuba). SOURCE

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[REDACTED] furnished a business card of [REDACTED] showing a business address of [REDACTED], phone [REDACTED] on which he wrote his home phone of [REDACTED] and his home address [REDACTED] IDENTIFIES [REDACTED] SOURCE

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SOURCE For the additional info of the Bureau and Legat, Paris, [redacted] asked whom he should contact in the event of the receipt of emergency info while he was in Paris. He was advised that it would be best to go to the American Embassy and talk to someone in the Legal Attache's Office. **SOURCE** [redacted] was not given any info indicating any connection between the Bureau and the Legal Attache.

Prior to his departure for Europe, 6/22/62, **SOURCE** can be contacted through the above home telephone [redacted]. Subsequent to that date, he can be reached through the address [redacted]. **IDENTIFIES SOURCE**

Miami indices are negative re **SOURCE**, however, CIA, by letter classified SECRET, dated 10/27/59, furnished info under the title "Cuban Government Agents Operating in the United States" (forwarded by Bureau letter 11/10/59, captioned, Report of Cuban Intelligence Agents in the United States, IS - CUBA). This communication from CIA alleged that a "fairly reliable source" in Cuba reported that

SOURCE [redacted] had the reputation of being a [redacted] jeweler smuggler with an [redacted] outlet in Havana in the [redacted]. His Havana representative described as having a store in the [redacted] [redacted] was named as [redacted] in 1/60, **SOURCE** explained that [redacted] operated the [redacted] wholesale jewelry house in Havana and they had been friends until [redacted] was imprisoned by the BATISTA Government as a result of his participation in 1957 attack on Cuban Presidential Palace. [redacted] refused to help the wife of **SOURCE**. As a result, [redacted] severed all contact with **SOURCE** and became very angry with him. Although angry, **SOURCE** emphatically stated [redacted] was a legitimate whole-sale sale [redacted] and was not engaged in illegal activities. (Miami report of SA THOMAS H. ERRION, [redacted]) **IDENTIFIES SOURCE**

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Instant letterhead memo is classified SECRET because it contains info, the unauthorized disclosure of which could compromise an informant, thereby curtailing his future effectiveness, plus the fact that instant letterhead memo evidences U. S. interest in a representative of a foreign government. (S) 1C

The Bureau will be immediately advised of the receipt of any additional info in connection with this matter and the Bureau is requested to keep Miami advised concerning any action taken upon the basis of this info.

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